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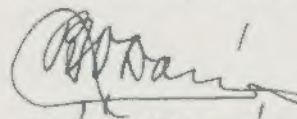
May 25, 1942

Mr. Effa Manley
Newark Eagles Baseball Club
71 Crawford Street
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Manley:

I regret very much that I was unable to be present at the opening game of the Negro National Baseball League at Ruppert Stadium at Newark, New Jersey, on Sunday, May 3, 1942. I also regret that I could not reply to your kind invitation of April 14, sent to me by special delivery registered mail and received on the 16th. At the time of its receipt I was getting off for an inspection trip, and upon my return I was out on account of illness. That accounts for my failure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter. I appreciate your thinking of me in connection with such an occasion; and had it not been for the incidents set forth above, I would have made every endeavor to have taken advantage of your kind invitation. I trust that your club is meeting with great success, and with kindest personal regards I am

Very sincerely yours,



B. O. DAVIS,
Brigadier General,
U. S. Army.

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